

Temporary Meter Removal

City of Wilmington

PURPOSE

This policy provides any person requesting encroachment for construction purposes general guidelines and rules for temporary closure of on-street parking in the Central Business District of Wilmington, North Carolina. Infill development and redevelopment projects of properties in the CBD have increased. The continued growth and redevelopment of the downtown area is essential to improving the quality of life of this community. In some instances to provide for this redevelopment parking metered stalls may have to be removed from service temporarily. In such instances, recognizing that the development will expand the City of Wilmington's tax base but temporarily create an unanticipated reduction in parking revenues and inventory, these removals will be considered an inducement by the City to support the redevelopment effort.

When removals occur, it is assumed that one-half of the loss of revenue from the meters will be transferred to one of the City's parking decks. Therefore, one-half of the loss in revenue is assumed to be retained by the fund. The City Engineer shall limit the duration of any removals to the degree practical. The Parking Manager shall issue and authorize all temporary parking passes in downtown.

The Land Development Code in the CBD requires limited or no setbacks; therefore new buildings will be developed up to property lines. Any person desiring use of the public right-of-way shall apply for a permit as stated in Article 14 Section 18-702. Contractors shall present a detail plan of the street area to use and describe protection for pedestrians and motor vehicles. The City Engineer determines if construction lay down and use is justified and safe for the general public. The terms of the permit may require fences and barricades in the public right-of-way to include sidewalks, parking or drive lanes. If metered parking is temporarily closed, a fee will be calculated for loss of revenue, removal and reinstallation of meters and assessed to the construction permittee.

POLICY

The mission of the Parking Management Program is to provide readily available, cost effective, convenient on-street and off-street parking opportunities for downtown residents, workers and visitors. The goals of the program are to promote economic development by providing easy and accessible parking for all patrons of downtown while being financially responsible to the parking enterprise fund. On-street parking is currently managed by Lanier Parking Solutions, d/b/a Park Wilmington.

Meter removal fee shall be calculated based on the daily meter rate of \$9.50 subject to change based on the meter rates approved by City Council.

The permittee will coordinate removal and replacement of meters and posts with the City's Parking Contractor Park Wilmington. Park Wilmington will invoice the permittee monthly for removed meters at a calculated rate until the public right-of-way has been restored as agreed upon in issuance of a Temporary Road/Parking Closure Permit.